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**TESTIMONY
OF
SARAH ALLEN, ADMINISTRATOR
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**TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
APRIL 7, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 204 // HOUSE RESOLUTION 140

**REQUESTING THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO CONDUCT A
COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROCUREMENT JURISDICTIONS**

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HCR 204. The State Procurement Office (SPO) SUPPORTS this measure with comments.

On page 1, second paragraph, the resolution states there are twenty-one (21) procurement jurisdictions under the direction of individual Chief Procurement Officers (CPO). But, on page 1, paragraph 6, it states that the Chief Procurement Officer, singular, is requested to conduct a comprehensive study of each of the individual procurement jurisdictions. The resolution is ambiguous and does not state which Chief Procurement Officer is required to conduct the study. The reality is that there are twenty-one Chief Procurement Officers and the State Procurement Administrator has the duty of 'periodic review of the procurement practices of all governmental bodies' (HRS103D-206).

If the intent of this bill is to have the Administrator of the SPO conduct the study, SPO would have to rely on the various Chief Procurement Officer's submitting this information on their own accord. The SPO does not have adequate resources to collect the current status of our entire decentralized purchasing system, and would need additional resources to assist in assessing the data once collected. However, SPO recognizes there are great discrepancies in the numbers and skills of the current procurement workforce and that a workforce that has no plan will not sufficiently support the state agencies and departments in their mission.

Accordingly, without required funding, the SPO recommends a 'data call' to the CPOs in order to collect this information as a report for next Legislature to discuss further needs via a bill that is accompanied with appropriation.

Thank you.